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On Friday morning I was on my way into City Hall to get the Police Report from Dattle when I saw Dattle Crossing Main Street, heading for McDonnell's. He invited me to join him for coffee and into the restaurant we went.

I've never had breakfast with a chief of police before. Dattle is a highly engaging man. He loves to talk. He asked me how everything was going with the Historical Society and I gave him a report. He listens well and is very responsive. Notwithstanding his "punch-first-talk-later" facade, the man is as gentle as a lamb. Somehow we got onto the topic of the Russell dairy and he held forth on that topic at some length. I took notes as he talked and he was pleased/flattered. We started talking about barns and he spoke of a barn that his father (?) had built, and he got very emotional as he talked. I looked him directly in the eye and took notes. As we breakfasted, Bob McDonnell came by with his check for his flower box. It was a very friendly session in McDonnell's. We were there about 35 minutes. We then went to the Police Station and did the report. As I was taking the report, Tom Atkinson (who used to live at Brookvalley with his wife and 10-20 kids) came in (I don't think he recognized me) and reported his 14-year-old daughter missing. I went to the fire station and got that report; typed them at the NEWS; typed the Post office article (I interviewed Scambordi & Zapotek on Thursday afternoon) and took my leave of the NEWS. I came back here and immediately went out and watered the flower boxes. As I did, I ran into Miss Kathryn Lavin (one of my high school teachers) and we had a pleasant chat. She reported that her sister Mildred was in Saint Joseph's Hospital. As kids we called Kathryn Lavin "Black Eye" and we called her sister, "Skinny." Such names as kids give their teachers. I feel like I should go up to Saint Joseph's and visit Miss Mildred Lavin. As I was watering the flower boxes, I spotted John on the



"Millicent left me. She couldn't live with genius."